

**When We Can't, He Can** (Mark 14: 27-42)

**Proposition:** Every one of us a believers need to realize that w/out the Lord Jesus, we can do nothing. This fact is seen clearly in the text before us tonight.

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A. His Precious Speech (Vs. 28)

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In our text we find ourselves in the garden of Gethsemane. If you were to travel to Jerusalem and asked to visit the Garden of Gethsemane, you would

be a little confused at the reply: "Which one?" There are four places that claim to be the place Jesus resorted to on the eve of the crucifixion. But it's not so much where the garden is that is important but what took place there. The word "Gethsemane" means "oil press". A place where olives... In the

case of the Lord Jesus, it was a place where he was in an agonizing press awaiting the cross to

come. I called Bro Sam Mitchell, ask why "Gethsemane"? He said he had come from 4th

**I. When We Can't Embrace Our Speech, He Can!**

Have you ever heard put your money where your mouth is. Can you back up what you say.

**A. His Prophetic Speech** (27, 30) - Jesus is quoting Zech 13:7 applying it to himself. "I will smile" refers to God. Reverend + Jesus did not kill Jesus. Is 54:4, 10. In the upper room: 1 Betrayer. Now all will forsake.

Previous in upper room: Lamb. Now: Shepherd. This did come to pass, all forsake him

**B. Our Prideful Speech** - Peter went from "I won't" in the upper room to "Oh no, not me". Every body else yes but



Self confidence & self boast straps is ticked to failure. (3) Vehemently all the more again & again. One thing I've found out don't count on people's words about spiritual matters. C. His Precious Speech - V528 yet disprove it these awful prophecies of turning their back on Jesus and denying him, look at what he says: I'll meet you in Galilee. After my death you will see me again I will come to you. I may not be able to keep my word, But He sure can. <sup>People on his</sup> ~~word not ours.~~

II. When We can't Endure our Suffering, He Can  
Here is where the olive press become the Christ press. As they enter Geth, the weight of the hour begins to bore down on Jesus' heart.

A. Our Absent Suffering - Now I said "when we can't endure our suffering he can." You will not find any disciples suffering in our text, Peter does not weep, John does not cry out, James does not fall. No only Jesus. For them, this is a walk in the park and a cool spring evening. No the only one suffering here is Jesus. Yet the suffering Jesus is under is the suffering ~~he could not have.~~ I'm not saying we don't suffer. Yet there is no suffering.

B. His Agonizing Suffering - Wording "sore amazed" to throw into amazement or terror, to be struck w/terror. Very heavily uncomfortable, not familiar, exceeding

1) ...from 4<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church and Robertsville Mission. He wanted the name of the church to be a Bible name. Gethsemane seemed a logical choice. Distinctively Bible and representative of what he longed for God to do there. Crush sinners unto salvation. Crush saints unto service. This was a work only God could do. That's what I believe that this scene in the garden proves: When we can't, He can! Every one of us believers need to realize that w/out the Lord Jesus, we can do nothing. This fact is seen clearly in the text before us tonight.

2) Isaiah 53:4 ...we did esteem him stricken, **smitten of God**, and afflicted. Isaiah 53:10 Yet it **pleased the LORD** to bruise him; **he hath put him to grief**:

3) ...no suffering that we may encounter that holds a candle to what he endured. We can truly say with Isaiah *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows*; That's how Paul could say: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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so painful - completely immersed in grief  
and sadness. The weight of what is to take  
place w/in the hours. Death at cross, shame  
of sin, rejection of the Father! Oh, what  
weight of sin he bore! For me it was in the  
Garden he prayed not my will but thine!

III. When We can't Extend our Supplication, He Can  
This suffering didn't drive him to the  
Doctor, or the Psychiatrist, it drove him to  
his Knees. This scene in the Garden is our Supplication

A. His Passional Supplication - Jesus  
as Jacob, began to wrestle with God.  
Here we draw near to the unfathom-  
able depths of the Father Son relationship of God.

- Abba Father. 2 words very important  
Abba a word of affection Father a word of sub-  
mission. Jesus prays in human frailties  
as though there is another way. Possible. But  
none so glorious as guiding perfect son of God. ①  
The will of the father is that he drink every last

B. Our Painful Supplication - Jesus  
brought the three further on. to  
accompany him, to pray with him to  
comfort him. And what do they do, Fall  
asleep. When first married, had prebble  
9:00 me sleep, Carey talk. She would get  
so angry. Jesus admonishes them w/ words  
not for the hour but for the life. He knew  
their williness! Carey wasn't sure of mine.

Upon second time they didn't know what to say.

IV. When we can't Embrace our Sacrifice, He Can.

It is not as though this moment took Jesus by surprise. He had long foreseen the path from Gethsemane to Golgotha, and although his hands

A. Our Retreat from Sacrifice -

Jesus had prophesied it, and it happened.

They fled. In vs 31 Peter said I would die with you. Placing himself alongside Jesus as a co-redeemer of sorts. But it was not Peter's death Peter's blood that would redeem sinners, but Jesus. But there is a since in which we can apply this retreat to ourselves. When faced with the prospect of sacrifice and the reality of sacrifice. Our words seldom match. How often we

B. His Rise to Sacrifice - Something is different. It seems as though the terror has gone. The man who calmed troubled seas has had this troubled soul calmed. 42, "let us go" not to run and hide in the darkness, but to walk toward the will of God in obedience. With a strength that comes from above Christ the good Shepherd lays his life down for his sheep. Reminded of Philp 2:13 For it is God

V. Close - Bro John relayed to me that 5 of his deacons left the Church when Gethsemane was built. First year no salary, full time. It was a press where God proved that when we can't He Can.



1) ...horrors consumed him like an avalanche, we find the words  
nevertheless not my will but thing be done.

2) Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will  
and to do of his good pleasure.